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Before the meeting, Council members Alita Bagley, Julie Lammie, and Dennis Stahl met with members of TeDOT to discuss their recent speed study and the reduction of speed limits on the north end of Padre Boulevard. There has been much discussion regard-

The council meeting opened with public comments with the council announcing a tree planting to take place Saturday April 11 at 9 a.m. Cristin Howard, director of the NPI Birding Center, reported a successful AUA WILKINSON HOGWILTIER and requested donations of peanut butter and citrus for use on bird feeders and to a tract

Assistant City Manager Duane Jones gave a short report on the progress of the Convention Centre repairs which are currently under budget and ahead of schedule. She also presented options to the council for additional street lighting infrastructure on the west side of South Pacific Boulevard near the WCVS Fleet Entrance. Council members agreed that aluminum poles would improve aesthetics and requested that Jones move

Also on the agenda was discussion of the proposed Ordinance 15-07 regulating "Short Term Rentals" to increase compliance with payment of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT). The ordinance would require each rental unit to have a registration number that would also be used to prevent online scams or property rentals. There have been many instances in recent years where visitors believe they are a renting a vacation property for the week and upon arrival of the Island, realize that they have been deceived, have lost money, and have nowhere to stay. This even happened at Councilwoman Bagley's permanent residence. In addition, the proposed ordinance would be that it would increase HOT revenue, much of which will

Finally, as City Manager Bill LEHRER FRIEDLWIG KLV A year with the City, the council will be meeting in executive session to conduct his annual evaluation.

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One of the advantages of the system, though, is its ability to maintain a wireless in-

With that kind of credibility in mind, project planners have decided to conduct a pilot program to test the feasibility and success of such a network by linking the Port Isabel Police Department across the bay to the South Padre Island Fire Department.

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LETTER OF DEMAND

Port Isabel, Texas

Dear Commissioner Torres:

A group of concerned citizens has examined public records that show that you are in violation of the Port Isabel city charter, which you signed and created on November 23, 1983.

We call your attention to Article 2, section 202, which reads in part "Mayor, Commissioners, and other officers and employees shall not be indebted to the city, save and except for ad valorem taxes in the current year, and previous year only, but with such ad valorem taxes and any other indebtedness the City to be timely paid, otherwise constituting a disqualifying indebtedness hereunder."

Please find enclosed copy of public record which shows without any doubt that you have violated the rules of office and are disqualified from continuing in your office and/or running for re-election. We demand you resign from office and withdraw as candidate from the upcoming election.

If you choose not to resign, this letter is to leave as a demand to the mayor and the three other remaining commissioners to remove you from office at the next scheduled meeting. We sincerely hope you resign and avoid the further sanctions authorized by the City Charter.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizens:

CC Mayor, P.E. City Commissioners, Cameron County District Attorney Office, Cameron County Elections Office, State of Texas Elections, State of Texas Atty. Gen. and Texas Secretary of State.



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